

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating television content and enhancement data including announcements, comprising:

receiving the television content associated with multiple television channels over a transport medium;

receiving enhancement data associated with the multiple television channels that have been multiplexed onto a separate delivery mechanism, announcements in the enhancement data being expected at a first location, and indicating at least some of the enhancement data is being transmitted;

receiving one or more special indications at the first location indicating that enhancement data is available on the separate delivery mechanism, the one or more special indications identifying locations of the announcements associated with the multiple television channels and wherein the first location comprises a first network address and port;

determining a location of an announcement based on a special indication associated with a currently tuned television channel; ~~and~~

processing the announcement of the currently tuned television channel; and

receiving the announcements at a second network address and port different from the first network address and port.

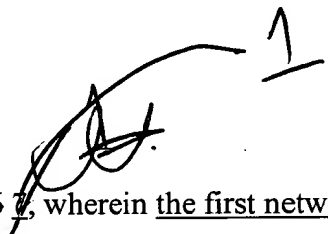
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the processing includes processing announcements according to an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum Specification.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more special indications are received on the separate delivery mechanism.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the enhancement data over the separate delivery mechanism includes receiving the enhancement data on a data-only transport stream program.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the enhancement data over the separate delivery mechanism includes receiving the enhancement over a separate communications link.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 , wherein the first network address and port comprises receiving the announcements includes receiving the announcements at an Internet Protocol address and port different from an expected announcement Internet Protocol address and port.

8. (Currently Amended) A system capable of communicating audio/video content, comprising:

a receiver adapted to tune to an audio/video portion over a transport medium;

a device adapted to receive announcement data associated with the tuned audio/video content directed to a first location and to receive a special announcement directed to the first location, the special announcement indicating availability of the announcement data associated with the tuned audio/video program and the announcement data associated with the tuned audio/video content indicating enhancement data is being transmitted; and

a controller adapted to redirect the announcement data to a second location in response to the special announcement, wherein the first location comprises a first network address and port and the second location comprises a second, different network address and port.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the second location includes an address and port for receiving announcements according to an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum Specification.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating audio/video programs, comprising:

receiving the audio/video programs over a transport medium;

receiving a plurality of ancillary information streams associated with a plurality of audio/video programs over a separate delivery mechanism, announcements in the ancillary information streams being expected at a first location and indicating enhancement data is being transmitted;

receiving a predetermined indication at the first location, including receiving the predetermined indication at a first network address and port;

tuning to one of the audio/video programs; and

identifying a location of the announcement of an ancillary information stream associated with the tuned audio/video program based on the predetermined indication, including identifying a second, different network address and port.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of communicating audio/video content and enhancement data, comprising:

transmitting the audio/video content over a transport medium;

multiplexing enhancement data including announcements associated with multiple audio/video programs for transmission over a separate delivery mechanism, the announcements indicating at least some of the enhancement data is being transmitted; and

transmitting a predetermined indication over the separate delivery mechanism to a first location network address and port at which the announcements in the enhancement data are expected, the predetermined indication being associated with one of the audio/video programs

and identifying a second network address and port ~~location other than the first location~~ of one or more announcements associated with the one audio/video program.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising multicasting the enhancement data and predetermined indications to a plurality of receivers.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the enhancement data is according to an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum Specification.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the first ~~location includes~~ network address and port comprises an IP address and port at which announcements are expected to arrive.

15.-31. (Cancelled)

32. (New) A method of communicating television content and enhancement data including announcements, comprising:

receiving the television content associated with multiple television channels over a transport medium;

receiving enhancement data associated with the multiple television channels that have been multiplexed onto a separate delivery mechanism, announcements in the enhancement data being expected at a first location, and indicating at least some of the enhancement data is being transmitted;

receiving one or more special indications at the first location indicating that enhancement data is available on the separate delivery mechanism, said receiving one or more special indications comprising receiving said one or more special indications at a network address and port and said one or more special indications identifying locations of the announcements associated with the multiple television channels;

determining a location of an announcement based on a special indication associated with a currently tuned television channel; and

processing the announcement of the currently tuned television channel.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the processing includes processing announcements according to an Advanced Television Enhancement Forum Specification.

34. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the one or more special indications are received on the separate delivery mechanism.

35. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein receiving the enhancement data over the separate delivery mechanism includes receiving the enhancement data on a data-only transport stream program.

36. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein receiving the enhancement data over the separate delivery mechanism includes receiving the enhancement over a separate communications link.